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Red Rock Canyon Photo Contest

Las Vegas -- Friends of Red Rock Canyon, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, is sponsoring a photo contest to showcase the area's unique visual qualities.

The contest is divided into three categories: children eight to 12 years, professional and amateur. The five dollar entry fee will be used will be used as a fundraiser for the Friends of Red Rock Canyon. Participants are limited to two entries.

All entries must be displayed in an 8 x 10" photo prints with an 11 x 14" mat and frame. Photos should be in color and focus on the landscape. No humans, animals or insects may be shown in the photos.

Entries will be accepted at the Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center on June 22 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

First and second prizes range from \$50 to \$100 and third prizes, gift certificates from Red Rock Canyon bookstore, range from \$15 to \$35.

Entries will be displayed at Lloyd D. George Federal Building from June 24 to June 28. Winning entries will be displayed at Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center from July 4 to July 26.

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Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area encompasses 197,000 acres within the Mojave Desert and provides a 13 mile scenic drive and more than 30 miles of hiking trails. The Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center offers information about recreation opportunities, wildlife, wild horses and burros, vegetation, geology and cultural resources. In 1990, special legislation supported by the Nevada congressional delegation changed the status of the Red Rock Recreation Lands to a National Conservation Area. Entrance fees are \$2 per motorcycle, \$5 per car and \$20 per annual pass.